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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the abstract of the specification as follows:

Methods of providing anti-infective activity to a medical device generally ~~comprising~~ including the steps of exposing the medical device to an anti-infective oxidant, and transferring the anti-infective oxidant into a wall of the medical device. One embodiment ~~comprises~~ includes the step of exposing a medical device which- ~~that~~ is at least in part within a patient to the anti-infective oxidant. Another embodiment ~~comprises~~ includes the steps of exposing a medical device to an aqueous solution which produces the anti-infective oxidant and ~~transferring~~ transferring a sufficient amount of the anti-infective oxidant into the medical device wall to provide the medical device with anti-infective activity. ~~Another aspect of the invention is directed to~~ Also provided is ~~an~~ an oxidant releasing member which ~~that~~ has the anti-infective oxidant releasably contained therein and which ~~that~~ is configured to be disposed adjacent to the medical device. ~~Presently preferred medical devices useful in the method of the invention~~ Exemplary devices include catheters such as venous, arterial, and urinary catheters, generally ~~comprising~~ containing an elongated catheter shaft having a lumen extending therein, and optionally having a balloon on the shaft in fluid communication with the catheter lumen.